



The Pediatric & Congenital  
Electrophysiology Society

## **Pediatric and Adult Congenital Electrophysiology Society (PACES) Young Investigator Award (YIA) Competition Guidelines & Eligibility**

This is the second year for the PACES YIA. All submissions to the YIA competition will be reviewed by the PACES Research Committee. The abstract with the highest score, as determined by the PACES Research Committee, will be deemed the winner.

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

All interested PACES YIA competition applicants must submit their abstracts and indicate their interest before the Heart Rhythm 2026 abstract submission site closes on **December 3, 2025 11:59PM Eastern Time**.

### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

All authors wishing to participate in the PACES YIA competition must submit an abstract through the Heart Rhythm Society 2026 abstract submission site and indicate their interest on the "Awards" section of the site. **The submitting author must confirm that they are an active PACES member at the time of submission.** Abstracts must be submitted by the submission deadline of 11:59 PM ET on December 3, 2025. For guidelines on submitting an abstract for presentation at Heart Rhythm 2026, please visit [HeartRhythm.com](http://HeartRhythm.com).

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The PACES YIA competition is open to any physician or scientist who is a current and active PACES member that is presently in a residency, fellowship, or doctoral training program, or who has been in such a program within the past three years (at the time of submission). The competition is also open to predoctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students in graduate or medical schools who are working on a problem concerned with pediatric or adult congenital electrophysiology. The applicant must be the first author and an active PACES member for consideration.

Abstracts are not eligible for consideration if published prior to Heart Rhythm 2026. No abstract may be presented at Heart Rhythm 2026 if it is substantially similar to material presented or to be presented at a major international meeting held prior to Heart Rhythm 2026.

### **ELIGIBLE TOPICS**

Any work of an investigational nature that pertains to pediatric or adult congenital electrophysiology is eligible. Finalists will be selected based on the qualifications of the candidate and the originality, importance, and scientific excellence of a project that contributes to our understanding of pediatric and adult congenital EP.

### **PROCESS**

To be considered for the PACES YIA competition, the young investigator will need to submit an abstract during the Heart Rhythm 2026 submission period and indicated that (s)he is interested in applying for the PACES YIA competition. The applicant will need to confirm current standing as a PACES member.

The HRS abstract review process will generate a score of eligibility to compete in the YIA competition. If the submitted abstract does not meet minimum grade criteria, you will not be eligible to participate in the YIA competition.

### **NOTIFICATION**

PACES YIA finalists will be notified via email of their acceptance by January 31, 2026, the same time all abstract notifications are sent out. Only the finalists will be notified.

### **PRESENTATION**

The PACES YIA winner will be announced during the PACES annual business dinner held on April 24, 2026. The abstract itself will be presented during its regularly scheduled presentation time as indicated by the Heart Rhythm Society.

### **AWARDS**

The winner will be awarded compensation for travel to Heart Rhythm 2026 up to \$1,500.

### **QUESTIONS**

If you have any questions about participating in the PACES YIA Competition, please contact [abstracts@HRSONline.org](mailto:abstracts@HRSONline.org). Any questions regarding PACES membership, please contact [support@pacesep.org](mailto:support@pacesep.org).